



# Sahuaros Weekly Update



*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

March 4, 2011



Best of Show: DJ Berard



Architecture: Elena Golberg

## Announcing the Winners of the 2011 Glendale Plein Air Painting Event

In only its second year, 54 artists entered the 2011 Glendale Plein Air Painting event, held on Saturday, February 5, in conjunction with the Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire. The artwork is currently on display at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown Street. Learn more about the event and see photos of the winning artwork by visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/arts](http://www.glendaleaz.com/arts).

## Downtown Glendale Hosts Three Events in One Day – March 5

### Artwerks First Saturdays

Walkway off 58th Ave. & Glendale  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

First Saturdays showcases artists at work, while encouraging visitors to tour historic downtown Glendale, enjoy its boutiques, shops and dining options. Working artists set-up in the renovated walkway just east of downtown Murphy Park at 58th Avenue. First Saturdays, an initiative of Artwerks Lateral 58, is aimed at helping the local arts community connect with the unique businesses in [Glendale's Centerline District](#) while creating a free cultural event for the public.

### Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Cafe

Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, an art show, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking and event map. The first 250 visitors will receive a free gift bag. The Glendale Visitor Center is also collecting new and gently worn shoes to benefit Soles4Souls, a non-profit charity which provides shoes to adults and children in need. Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip flops.

### Open Air Market

5734 W. Glendale Avenue, Historic Downtown Glendale  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy a beautiful spring day at a fun outside market in the heart of Glendale's historic shopping district. The market features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food.

And, on the same day, a culinary festival titled TASTE will be held in Murphy Park. For more information about the March 5 events, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

**Civic Center Receives Top Ranking Award.** For the fourth consecutive year, the Glendale Civic Center is listed as one of the top five meeting and convention facilities in the state by Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business. The business opinion poll, conducted annually by "Arizona Business Magazine," includes more than 250 business and leisure categories and is based on the largest opinion poll in Arizona.

The Glendale Civic Center offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space and partners with its official caterer, Arizona Catering. For more information, call (623) 930-4300. For rates, menus, room layouts, photos and an online video tour, visit [www.glendaleciviccenter.com](http://www.glendaleciviccenter.com).

**Foothills Library Spring Book Sale.** Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale, which will be held from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, March 25, and noon - 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 26. The Spring Book Sale will be held in the library meeting rooms and there will be something for everyone.

Expect to find fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children, movies, recorded books and CDs. The tables will be jam-packed with bargains and treasures ranging from Dr. Seuss to Shakespeare. The final hour on Saturday becomes a bargain hunter's dream, with \$1.00 bags; the library supplies the bags, and shoppers can fill them with whatever is left. For questions, call 623-930-3849.

**From the Heart Applications Due March 14.** From the Heart is a unique partnership of Glendale residents, the city of Glendale, the BHHS Legacy Foundation and local community agencies. Every "From the Heart" dollar stays right here in our community to support social service agencies that serve Glendale residents. The city is currently accepting applications from social service agencies that are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and serve Glendale residents. For more information on the program and the application process, [click here](#).

**Springtime Permit 101 Class.** Spring is "Home Sweet Home" improvement for many homeowners in Glendale! The Building Safety Department is seeing a remodeling permit boom, which has resulted in a 35 percent increase in residential permits and 22 percent increase in solar permits in the last year.

The city is offering consumers a special class on the tips they need to stay safe and save money during renovations. The class will teach residents how to get a permit for construction projects, an explanation of why permits are necessary, how to fill out the required paperwork and what the possible costs are associated with these projects.

The Glendale Building Safety Department and Home Depot have teamed up to get these important safety messages to those who are actively working on projects. The class is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, March 19 at the Home Depot at 67th Avenue. and Bell Road. To reserve a spot in the class, call 623-930-2800.

For more information on the free permit 101 class or general information on how to obtain a building permit, call 623-930-2800 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety](http://www.glendaleaz.com/buildingsafety).

## Around Town

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**VIN Etching Program.** The [Glendale Police Department](#), the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority and Greenbrier School are holding a free VIN etching event from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 at Greenbrier School, 6150 W. Greenbriar Dr. VIN Etching on your vehicle is a visual deterrent against auto theft. [Click here](#) for more information on auto theft prevention and VIN etching.

**Nominations for Promoting Diversity Award 2011 due March 11.** Each year, the city of Glendale and the Glendale Chamber Foundation recognize the accomplishments of Maricopa County residents who contribute significantly to creating a diverse and inclusive community. Glendale is now seeking nominations for the 2011 Promoting Diversity Award in honor of the late César Chávez. The award commemorates the powerful life and legacy of Chávez.

For more information about the Promoting Diversity Award and to download the nomination instructions, [click here](#). Nominations must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. March 11, 2011.

The recipient of the award will be honored at the César Chávez Celebrating Diversity Breakfast on March 31 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Helios Education Foundation president and CEO Paul J. Luna will give the keynote address at the event. For more information about the breakfast call the Glendale Chamber of Commerce at 623-937-4754.

**Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival.** Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20 at [Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area](#), 9802 N. 59th Ave. Come out and enjoy over 200 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. [Click here](#) for the schedule of activities including historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**Green Festival, March 26.** The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. [Click here](#) for event details.

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